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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY MISSOURI

EVANDALL S. OEHLERKING,
6460 C. R. 9100,
West Plains, MO 65775

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Case No. Sept 2311 CC

FIL-MOR EXPRESS, INC.,
A Foreign Corporation,
[please serve regisfered agent, Incorp
Services, Inc., 1011 Route H,
Jefferson City, MO 65101],
And
MICHAEL H. MORGAN,
820 Park Street,
Miami, OK 74354,

Defendants.

## **PETITION**

Comes now plaintiff, Randall S. Oeklerking, and for cause of action against defendants, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., and Michael H. Morgan, states:

- Plaintiff, Randall S. Ochlecking, is an individual citizen and resident of Missouri.
- 2. That defendant, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., ("Fil-Mor Express") is a foreign corporation, authorized to do and doing business in the State of Missouri, which has the capacity to be sued in the courts of the State of Missouri. Its registered agent in Missouri upor whom service of process may be had is Incorp Services, Inc., 1011 Route E, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

- That defendant, Michael H. Morgan, is an individual believed to be a citizen of Oklahoma. The cause of action asserted herein against him arises from the operation of a motor vehicle by Michael H. Morgan within the State of Missouri; consequently, service of process may be had upon him, pursuant to Missouri's non-resident motorist act, \$506.200 et seq., R.S.Mo. Plaintiff requests that service of process upon defendant, Michael H. Morgan, be effected on the Secretary of State of Missouri pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 54.15.
- 4. That on or about March 6, 2606, plaintiff was operating a motor vehicle in a generally easterly direction on Interstate Highway 44, a public thoroughfare, about .3 miles after its intersection with Route Y in Pulaski County, Missouri,
- 5. That at said time and place, defendant, Michael H. Morgan, was operating a vehicle, believed to be a 2004 Freightliner conventional tractor, hauling a trailer, and was operating said vehicle in a generally easterly direction on Interstate Highway 44 believed to the rear of the vehicle operated by plaintiff.
- 6. That at said time and place, defendant, Michael H. Morgan, operated the tractor-trailer unit he was driving in such a manner that it collided into the rear of the vehicle operated by plaintiff.
- 7. That at said time and place, defendant, Michael H. Morgan, was acting in the course and scope of his employment by or agency for defendant, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., Consequently, the said defendant, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., is liable for damages caused by negligent acts or omissions of Michael H. Morgan in the operation of said motor vehicle at the time referenced above.

- 8. That the afcresaid collision was caused or contributed to be caused by migligence and failure to exercise the highest degree of care on the part of Fil-Mor. Express's driver, Michael H. Morgan, in one or more of the following particulars, viz:
  - (a) Fil-Mor Express's driver was following the vehicle operated by plaintiff and/or the vehicle immediately behind him too closely;
  - (b) Fil-Mor Express's driver failed to keep a careful lookout;
  - (c) The vehicle operated by the Fil-Mor Express driver came into collision with the rear of plaintiff's vehicle;
  - (d) The Fil-Mor Express driver drove at an excessive speed; and
  - (e) The Fil-Mor Express driver know, or by the use of the highest degree of care, could have known that there was a reasonable likelihood of collision in time thereafter to have stopped, or swerved, or slackened his speed or sounded a warning, or slackened his speed and swerved, or some combination thereof, but failed to do so.
- 9. That as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and resulting collision, plaintiff sustained personal injuries, including corrical spine strain, thoracic spine strain, lumbar spine sprain/strain, with asymmetric disc bulge at L4-5, causing flattening of the thecal sac and right-sided foraminal stratosis with compression of the right L4 nerve root, with mild spondylitic disc bulge at L2-3 and L3-4. Plaintiff suffered pain, restriction of activities, was off work for a period of time and lost wages, and incurred expenses for medical treatment. Plaintiff's damages include past and future pain and suffering, wage loss, medical expenses, and restriction or reduction of activities. Plaintiff's injuries are believed to be permanent and progressive.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Randall S. Oehlerking, prays judgment against defendants, Fil-Mor Express, Inc. and Michael H. Morgan, and each of them, jointly and

severally, for such damages as are fair and reasonable in the premises, together with such other tellef as is just and proper in the premises.

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